

## REMARKS

Claims 1-3 remain in the application. Claims 1-3 have been objected to because of certain informalities, but have been indicated as otherwise allowable. A new abstract has also been requested. This amendment addresses both issues.

In summary, therefore, all of the remaining claims, claims 1-3, are considered to be allowable. An early and favorable action thereon is therefore earnestly solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney to resolve any unresolved issues in order to expedite the allowance of the present application.

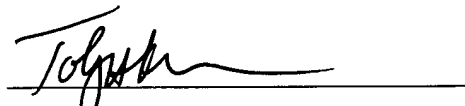
In connection with the foregoing matter, please charge any additional fees which may due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-1133.

Respectfully submitted,

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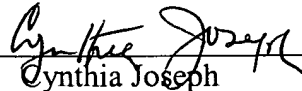
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